

ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY

7 October 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas B. Cormack  
Executive Secretary

FROM : J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT : Status of History Staff Program

1. The History Staff Program that the Executive Committee approved in October 1981 proposed four categories of histories:

- a. A one-volume CIA history
- b. DCI histories
- c. Topical monographs
- d. A multi-volume general CIA history

In the past year we have begun work on projects in the first three categories. We do not plan to undertake work on the multi-volume general history until the one-volume history is completed. I shall list below, for categories a, b and c, the projects we now have underway and their target dates for completion.

2. One-volume CIA History (Target: end of 1984)

The Deputy Chief, [ ] has been pressing forward with this work since completing the prospectus for it last October. She has very large amounts of documentation to work through, and her survey of this material as well as her final product will be of great help in our other projects.

STAT

3. DCI Histories

A. Helms History (Target: February 1983)

John Bross has finished work on his chapter, which now needs source citations and an epilogue covering 1971-73, after his retirement.

R. Jack Smith has almost completed his three draft chapters on topics involving the estimative process.

This leaves six chapters, the conclusion and the overall editing for me to complete.

B. Schlesinger History (Target: June 1983)

Although I have done a lot of research for this study (which I am producing on my own), I am giving precedence to my work on the Helms study.

ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY

D. Colby History (Target: October 1983)

Richard Lehman has resumed work on this study, having returned from his summer on Cape Anne last week. I have just requested approval for a 12-month contract for his work.

I want to press on with the Raborn, Turner and Bush DCI studies as soon as the Helms and Schlesinger studies are completed.

4. Topical Monographs

A. "Congress and the CIA" (Target: October 1983)

[redacted] who entered on duty in mid-August, has just completed an excellent prospectus for this study. The next step is to submit the topic and prospectus for approval by the History Advisory Board.

STAT

B. "Overhead Reconnaissance" (Target: December 1983)

[redacted] has just reported for duty here, on a rotational assignment from DDS&T. He is to prepare a prospectus for this study by Thanksgiving.

STAT

I do not expect a monographic study to result from [redacted] research since last January on CIA and the Cold War. Before he retires in January 1983, however, he should produce some useful reports on his interviews and notes on topics related to his research.

STAT

5. I shall attach a summary schedule of these projects, authors and target dates.

[redacted]  
J. Kenneth McDonald

STAT

Attachment

ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY

7 October 1982

## HISTORY STAFF PROGRAM

I. <u>One-volume CIA History</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 30px;"></div>	<u>Target</u> end of 1984	STAT
II. <u>DCI Histories</u>			
A. Helms History	J. K. McDonald J. A. Bross (contract) R. J. Smith (contract)	February 1983	
B. Schlesinger History	J. K. McDonald	June 1983	
C. Colby History	R. L. Lehman (contract)	October 1983	
III. <u>Topical Monographs</u>			
A. Congress and the CIA (proposed study)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 30px;"></div>	October 1983	STAT
B. Overhead Reconnaissance (proposed study)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 30px;"></div>	December 1983	STAT

ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY